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In response to the Office Action mailed on October 8, 2003, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application on the basis of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

Applicant has amended claims 4, 42, 47, 52, 57, 62, 77, 82, and 87. A list of all the claims is attached to this response.

REMARKS

The Examiner has restricted the claims in this case. Application has elected Species D, claims 4, 42 to 66 and 77 to 91 without traverse. Applicant confirms this election and notes that the remainder of the claims have been withdrawn.





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